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## Clarke, Loras Students Carol At Hospitals Tomorrow Night

Four buses of Clarke and Loras carolers will carry the spirit of Christmas to Dubuque hospitals tomorrow evening. The group will visit Mercy hospital, St. Anthony's home, Xavier hospital and St. Mary's home.

In charge of arrangements on the Clarke campus are Sandra Burgdorfer, Kathy McSweeney, Mary Ann Kane and Ann Hauser.

### Seniors Entertain

The senior yuletide social with Loras will follow at 8 o'clock in the union. Refreshments, cards, ping pong, singing and student entertainment will spotlight the party.

Heading the committees are Mary Lynch, entertainment; Katie Wegs, decoration; Lily Esquivel, refreshments; Joy Conlon, publicity, and Alice Adams, rehabilitation.

Juniors have chosen the drawing room of Mary Frances Clarke hall

## Freshmen Choose Jeanette Hogan As Class President

Jeanette Hogan was elected freshman class president in a close election Wednesday, Dec. 1. Carol Sprengelmeyer was elected SLC representative and Karen Morrow was chosen vice-president.

Miss Hogan graduated from St. Patrick's high school in Cedar Rapids where she was active in class activities. A music major at Clarke, she has served as musical director for high school radio programs and as accompanist for many school and civic events. Earlier in the year Miss Hogan was elected chairman of the freshman board of directors.

Miss Sprengelmeyer, who is an art major, was senior class president at Immaculate Conception academy in Dubuque, where she was active in club projects.

Miss Morrow, a history major, is a graduate of St. Joseph's academy in Des Moines. She served as SLC president in her senior year there.

The remaining freshmen officers will be elected at a later date.

The activity room will be the scene of the freshman party Wednesday evening. Santa Claus will be there to distribute gifts.

Dorothy Rosenbeck and Carol Blitgen are co-chairmen of the social. Committee heads are Judy Hess, arrangements; Patricia Strouhal, entertainment; Sue Slonaker, refreshments, and Barbara McClure, escorts.

### Decorate Tree

Christmas class activities began last evening when the seniors decorated their 20-foot tree in the drawing room of MFCH. Mary Kenneally and Marilyn Fifield directed the tree decorations and Darlyne Barnes was responsible for refreshments.

Sophomores decorated the activity room tree last night and also held their yuletide social. Marilyn Passow and Colleen O'Meara were chairmen of the social. Jorene Brookens and Peggy Dillon supervised the tree decoration.

## Dubuque Alums Entertain At Annual Tea Sunday

Faculty members and seniors will be guests at the annual Christmas tea given by Clarke college alumnae in the Dubuque area Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The tea, which will be held in the drawing room of Mary Frances Clarke hall, will follow Benediction to be given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. S. D. Luby, of the Clarke and Loras faculties, in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart.

Mrs. Frederick Ament is general chairman of the tea. Past presidents of the Dubuque Clarke club will pour at the buffet table. Each member is invited to bring a guest to the tea. Gifts for the needy children will be collected.

'Deck the Halls' will ring out in the college dining room Wednesday evening at the Christmas banquet. Schola carolers are, left to right, Sue Kelly, LaCrosse, Wis.; Sara McAlpin, Fort Dodge; Elaine Mraz, Cedar Rapids, and Colleen Kalishek, Waucoma.



## All-College Christmas Program To Be Presented Tuesday Night

Music, candlelight and pageantry will be combined in the biennial all-college Christmas program to be presented Tuesday evening at 8:15 in Terence Donaghoe hall. Conveying the true spirit of the holiday season, the program will be given as Clarke's gift to the residents of Dubuque.

The entire student body, wearing red stoles on their

black academic gowns and carrying lighted tapers, will participate in the candlelight procession which will open the program. As the students sing a Latin chant from the Christmas Mass they will take their places on the stage to form a choral group.

### Present Choral Suite

"A Ceremony of Carols," a suite of musical pieces composed by Benjamin Britten in 1942, will form the framework of the evening's presentation. Interspersed with the choral numbers will be four tableaux.

The first tableau will present Kathy Garner as the Blessed Virgin. Shepherds in the second tableau will be Maurita Brady, Marjorie Schlink, Mary Jo Burke, Joan Wagner and Sue Turnis.

Kathleen Sullivan will be the Madonna in the third tableau and Linde O'Loan will be St. Joseph.

### Depicts Madonna

The final tableau will show Maria Hofmann as Our Lady of Peace. Mark Horgan, son of Mr. Robert Horgan of the history department, will be the Christ Child. Following this scene the Clarke choral will sing the St. Francis Prayer for Peace.

The choral group will open the program with "Welcome, Yule," a text crying welcome to Christmas and the new year. This will be followed by "There Is No Rose," sung by the college glee club.

Marilyn Fifield, senior contralto, will sing a solo number, "That Young Child." Rita Mootz, senior mezzo-soprano, will be the solo voice in the next selection, "Bululalow," a cradle song to be presented by the Glee club.

The Glee club will continue with "As Dew in April," and all students will again unite in singing "This Little Babe," a composition based on the poem by Robert Southwell. Another poem by Southwell provided the text for "Freezing Winter Night," to be sung by the Glee club. Miss Mootz and Sue Kelly, junior mezzo-soprano, will sing the solo parts.

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## Night Owls To Meet For Annual Xmas Party

Pajamas and robes will be in style for the annual night owl party to be held in the activity room next Thursday at 9 p.m.

Plans for the yuletide affair are well under way, according to co-chairmen Beverly Wakeen and Charlotte Major.

Chairmen of the skits which will make up the evening's program are Barbara Gusich, Virginia Coogan, Rita Klemm, Carol McCauley, Marice Moylan, Mary Anne Kane, Janet Lucy, Carol Dunham, Joyce Carney, Colleen Kalishek and Mary Schemmel.

The program will also include group singing. Refreshments will be served.

## Loras Band Concert Features Clarke Students

Six Clarke students will add harmony to the annual Loras Christmas band concert which will be held Sunday at 8:15 in the Loras fieldhouse.

Senior Barbara Gusich will again be featured as a soloist. She will sing "This Ole House" and "The Man That Got Away."

The Ghee-Moo-Fi trio, made up of Rita Mootz, Marilyn Fifield and Sue Kelly, will sing "In the Still of the Night," "Christmas Song," and "Jesus, Light of the World."

Playing with the Loras band are Sue Guay, oboe; Mitzi Fisch, flute, and Sue Kelly, flute.

Featured act of the musical evening will be "Little Bop Riding Hood."



Our Lady of Peace and the Christ Child in the final tableau for the Christmas program are Maria Hofmann, Frankfurt, Germany, and Mark Horgan, Dubuque.

## Pomp of Merrie Old England Will Mark Christmas Banquet

"Leave your white horses and groom; come and sup in our mead-room!" Thus the Lord and Lady will greet guests at the college dining hall next Wednesday evening for the Old English Christmas dinner.

All the pomp and pageantry of Old England will characterize the banquet. Decorations will provide the atmosphere of the mead hall in an English manor.

The blast of a trumpet will sound the opening of the hall at 6 p.m. The Lord Host, "bold, brave and doughty" will be Rita Jo Walsh, SLC

vice-president. Patricia Spaight, SLC president, will be Lady Fair, "stately and comely of face."

Ladies of distinction are the four class presidents, Mary McGinty, Donna Becker, Carol Schulte and Jeanette Hogan.

### Provide Entertainment

Entertainment during the dinner will be provided by Patricia Conway, the jester. The chef, Linde O'Loan, "with face as red as the holly berry," will carry in a boar's head wreathed in holly with an apple in its mouth. Later she will balance on a silver platter the plum pudding agleam with candlelight.

Carolers will revel to "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly" and other festive melodies. Singers are Alice Adams, Darlyne Barnes, Elizabeth Barrett, Patricia Condon, Marilyn Fifield, Susan Guay, Colleen Kalishek, Sue Kelly, Sara McAlpin, Dolores McWilliams, Rita Mootz, Elaine Mraz and Marilyn Splair. Accompanist is Jeanette Hogan.

### Plan Program

The program is being planned by the music department with Roberta Saigh as narrator. To close the evening festivities the carolers will pull in a yule log and guests will then drink the wassail pledge.

Charla Illig and Patricia Holmes will pull the yule log.

Special guest of honor will be the Most Rev. Leo Binz, coadjutor to the archbishop of Dubuque. Sitting at the main banquet table with him will be the Rev. Clarence Friedman, college chaplain, and other priests on the Clarke faculty.







# Clarkites Take Vacation Jobs To Expand Christmas Budgets

By Joan Madden  
"Say it with flowers, jewelry, toys . . ." urge Clarkites who will be meeting customers over the counter during the Christmas vacation. Faced with the problem of financing Christmas gifts, many Clarkites have pulled strings with their dads or with last summer's employers to give them part-time jobs over vacation.

Creating floral pieces of poinsettia and greenery in Boesen's Flower shop in Des Moines will be Mary Jo Howerter. Corsage design is her special love. "And we even get paid for it," she says enthusiastically.

**Winds Up Toys**  
Toy departments are the choice of many Clarkites. Bobbie Saigh who clerks in her uncle's toy shop in Fort Dodge says it's the ideal place to pick up Christmas spirit. Barbara Conlin is anticipating the scramble at her uncle's store in Elmhurst, Ill.

Elaine Steffensmeier will be ready to demonstrate the latest in space toys in her dad's store, the S & S Firestone in Cedar Falls.

Pat Deming awaits "the inevitable little tykes who come to the Boy Scout department at Roshek's to buy a present for mom."

**Baby Sits**  
While moms and dads are trudging through the Dubuque toy departments, Tori Rhomberg will be entertaining their offspring in the Children's room of the Dubuque public library.

The holidays are a good time to include a trip to the dentist. Benita Kane predicts a surge of juvenile patients in her brother's dental office where she is receptionist and assistant.

Mari Ann Tillia will be displaying diamond necklaces and jeweled watches in the Gervais jewelry store

in Jackson, Minn. Sue Guay will clerk in Hometown, U.S.A., and Lillian Weigly in Gary, Ind. Mary Jeanne Giellis has already caught the Christmas spirit at Kresge's where she has been doing part-time clerking.

Rush Christmas mails will provide an opening in the post office of Park Forest, Ill., for Barbara Bernoudy. Bette Kirgis will be with the mails in the downtown post office.

**Sells Dresses**  
Holiday affairs require bold color and lots of swish in women's apparel—an item on everyone's shopping list. Rosemarie Cavale will be on hand to meet customers at her mother's store, the Alicia Shoppe, in Chicago. Joan Madden will return to the Better Dress department of Rosenberg's in Milwaukee where she will please "Madame" in her choice of shantungs, crystalettes and velvets.

"Flyer" from department to department at Gimbel's in Milwaukee will be Annette Horngren.

In Waterloo, Ann McDermott will be working for her dad in the circulation department of the Waterloo Daily Courier. Margie Schlink has pulled a strategic string in the family knot and won herself a job in the meter book department of the Peoria Light Co.

During the holidays Darlyne Barnes will be initiated into the permanent job she will get after graduation. She will be a demonstrator for the General Electric company.



**Here's How** we'll do it, says sodality prefect Mary Dalton, LaGrange, Ill., right, as she explains the reorganization of the sodality to newly elected presidents Nancy Kneeland, Postville, and Patricia Conway, Boone.

## Students, Faculty Will Travel To East During Holiday Season

Three faculty members and twenty nine students will see New York during the holidays on the first Clarke-sponsored Eastern tour. The group will leave Chicago Jan. 3 and return Jan. 9.

The field trip was initiated by the music, art and drama departments but was open to all students. Chairmen of arrangements are Katie Wegs,

art club president, Marilyn Splear, Cecelian Circle president, and Mary Lynch, president of Clarke College Players.

Faculty representatives will be Mr. Edmund Demers, Miss Nancy Calkins and Miss Mary Weller.

**Seniors Join Group**  
Eleven seniors will participate in the field trip. They are Marilyn Splear, Carole Donovan, Mary Lynch, Janet Lucy, Kathy Bahl, Mary Dalton, Katie Wegs, Bernadette Dreyer, Mary Jo Howerter, Barbara Guisch and Eva Mae Schumacher.

Junior travelers are Margaret Koob, Lois Connelly, Jeannine Wadon, Virginia Coogan and Kathye Burke.

Representing the sophomores are Mary Molsinger, Corrine Lenz, Patricia Condon, Helene Marben, Carol Splear, Marjorie Dickinson, Sue Gillespie, Marcella Gould, Mary Ann Tranel, Patricia Conway and Sandra Burgdorfer.

Completing the touring group are freshmen Stephanie Simon, Joyce Carney and Carol Dunham.

**Learn, Enjoy**  
The New York trip will be cultural as well as educational. Included in the program are a Broadway play, an opera at the Metropolitan Opera house, and tours of Rockefeller center, radio city and various art museums.

## Sodalists Form Small Groups; Renew Ideals

In line with a movement throughout the United States to restore the sodality to its former position and to renew its ideals, the Clarke sodality is being reorganized this year.

Under the direction of prefect Mary Dalton, the sodality has been divided into three groups which will meet weekly. Permanent presidents and secretaries of these groups have been elected.

Miss Dalton heads the senior group with Patricia Murphy as secretary. Juniors elected Nancy Kneeland as president and Marice Moylan as secretary. Patricia Conway will direct sophomore activities and Carol Splear will serve as secretary.

Chairmanship of the weekly discussions, which will be on phases of apostolic activity, will rotate among the members. The entire sodality will meet quarterly for general meetings.

In order that the purposes of the sodality be better known, the probation period for new candidates has been extended to six months. Candidates this year will be received after retreat in February.

The Clarke college sodality, founded in 1851, is one of the oldest in the United States.

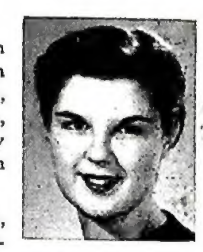
## Senior Art Major Exhibits Work In One-Man Show

On exhibit this week in the art studio in Eliza Kelly hall is the work of Kay Eck, senior art major. The one-man show, which is the first senior exhibition of the year, closes this evening.

Miss Eck's 42 pieces represent nine different media, although over half have been executed in oil. Included in the exhibit are examples of her work in casein, tempera, ink, watercolor, scratch board, charcoal, wood and oil.

Of special interest to exhibit visitors are "Grenadine," an oil study of Bernadette Dreyer, and a second portrait in oil of Marlene Franciel. Also receiving favorable comment are "City Alley," a watercolor work, "Belmont Harbor," an oil sketch, and advertising and magazine illustrations done in ink.

Miss Eck, who has a minor in education, plans to teach next year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eck of Chicago.



Miss Eck

## Christmas Program

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Thirteen Schola members will present the next selection, "Spring Carol," by William Cornish.

Final member in the musical suite is "Deo Gratias" which will be sung by the all-college choral.

Climax of the evening's program will be the traditional candlelighting ceremony. Representing their classes in this ceremony are Mary McGinty, Donna Becker, Carol Schulte and Karen Morrow. Patricia Spaight, SLC president, will light the college candle, and Mrs. Henry J. Pohlman, national president of the Clarke Alumnae association, will light the alumna candle.

Jeanette Hogan will be the accompanist for the entire program. Organ music before and after the program will be provided by Patricia Strouhal.

Stage technician for the Christmas program is Patricia Dietzler. Assisting her are Mary Dougherty, Charlotte Major, Corrine Lenz, Yvonne McElroy, Kay Wedig, Charla Illig, Victoria Sbrocco, Charlene Craighead, Bette Kirgis, and Stephanie Simon.

## Music Department Selects Candidates In Metro Auditions

The Clarke college music department has again been invited to be a participating organization in the regional auditions program of the Metropolitan Opera association.

Purpose of the regional committee is to help Metropolitan discover new American talent and to make it possible for singers with voices of operatic caliber to be heard and aided in their careers.

Clarke will select vocalists from a five-state area to compete in regional auditions to be held in Minneapolis Feb. 21 and 22. From this group of singers one or more will be sent to New York for further screening by a representative of the Metropolitan Opera company.

Vocalists will be competing for \$4,000 in awards, the opportunity of singing on the Metropolitan's "Auditions of the Air" and a possible operatic career.

Sister Mary St. Ruth, BVM, of the Clarke music department, is in charge of local auditions.

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